

# City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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### SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The City's FY 2014 Capital Improvement Program includes the replacement of the Sewalls Falls Bridge. Final design and permitting began in late 2013 and includes the development of a bridge type, size and location study. The study, developed by McFarland-Johnson, Inc., evaluates several bridge replacement

alternatives to replace the existing Sewalls Falls Bridge, and includes factors such as bridge span arrangements, construction duration, constructability, long-term maintenance, utility impacts, visual aesthetics, and costs for four distinct bridge types. The full report is available for review on the project web site at www.sewallsfallsbridge.com.



A public hearing has been scheduled to review the report recommendations and to appropriate the funds for construction of the project. The public is invited to attend the City Council Meeting on **March 10, 2014**, at **7:00 PM** in City Council Chambers, 37 Green Street, to provide comment on the project.

## TANNERY CLEANUP

Cleanup work continues at the former Allied Leather Tannery site. Ten thousand tons of crushed masonry overburden and most of the 100,000+ SF of buried foundations at the property have been cleared. Clean concrete from these foundations will be processed and recycled as backfill at the site. The contractor has also completed hauling 6,000 tons of clean soil from South Commercial Street to the site to be used as backfill. Preparation for removal of petroleum and chromium soils is now ramping up. All cleanup work is anticipated to be completed early this summer.

### **BREAKING DOWN THE RECYCLING NUMBERS**

We were so impressed with the new, record-high monthly tonnage of recyclables collected curbside that we reported last week, we thought we'd dig a little deeper and report what that 352 tons really means for our environment in terms of energy use.

Running our recyclable tonnage, broken down by the typical percentages of materials found in single stream recycling through the Environmental Protection Agency's Waste Reduction Model (WARM), a tool used to compare various waste management alternatives, we found some pretty incredible results. Our recycling efforts in December resulted in a net savings of 4,460 million BTU's! This is equivalent to conserving the annual energy consumption of 40 households, or conserving 768 barrels of oil, or conserving 35,681 gallons of gasoline. This is in ONE MONTH. Just think of the effect of our annual efforts!

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED



In observance of Presidents Day, City offices and the Concord Public Library will be closed on Monday, 2/17.

Please note that President's Day is <u>not</u> a trash or recycling holiday. Trash and recycling will be picked up as normal next week.

# CAPITOL COMMONS PARKING GARAGE PUBLIC SPACES



Downtown employees and the shopping public are reminded that there are 40 public parking spaces available on the roof top level of the Capital Commons Parking Garage. These spaces are located at the south end of the garage (behind Hermano's Restaurant), immediately past the lease spaces reserved for Casey Family Services. These spaces can be occupied the entire day for \$0.50 per hour and are contiguous to the elevator tower for easy access to Main Street. Over the next several days, the City will be providing new signage in the garage to better direct the public to these spaces.